

it requires money and time to put them where they are and unless they are liberally compensated they can not afford to give too much of their time along this line of work. The preached Word is a power for good, cultured singing is also a power for good, unite the two and then see what you have.

Brother J. I. Hall, the pastor, is an earnest and devoted worker in the Master's vineyard.

On Saturday evening of Oct. 21, 1899, I enjoyed a communion service with the Dayton brethren of which Sister Laura Headrick is pastor. This service was well attended, and enjoyed by all who participated. I also preached for them on Sunday morning following to a full house of old friends and relations, this town being the home of my boyhood days.

I also enjoyed the old Virginia hospitality at the hands of brother and sister G. W. Headrick, and brother and sister John L. Thompson. Was glad again to see Sister Laura in her comfortable and beautiful home. I continued to do some shotgun preaching. On Friday evening of Oct. 27, I preached in New Market, Va., in the M. E. church to a full house. It was in this church where the Va. and Md. churches held their convention two years ago. This is the home of brother S. P. Fogle, the Phillip of the Brethren Church. He was made treasurer for the Rappahamrick mission point, and when preachers went go and look after the work he goes and preaches for them tho he is only a deacon.

On Oct. 28, I went with him to this mission point about 30 miles away, we held three services which resulted immediately in two accessions one who said that she would connect herself with the Brethren Church, and two stood up for prayers, one of them was a man sixty-nine years old. This is a good opening if it is properly worked.

I went into this community nearly ten years ago when we had but one member there. I remember when I opened my first meeting and called to prayer, there was not a soul in the congregation that knelt in prayer except myself and the one sister. But I began to preach to them and create a stir, received a number into the church. In due time an organization was effected and it grew until they numbered about forty. Being rather isolated they have been somewhat neglected, hence they do not number now what they did, some have moved away, and some have fallen from grace. This was the first time since I left Va. and came to this state that I had an opportunity to visit them. But while the flock has somewhat scattered, I rejoice to find a few faithful ones who have stood firm for the cause.

During my visit I preached twenty-four sermons. Yet the meeting of my parents, brothers and sisters, many relatives and friends, enjoying so much kindness, taking it all together it was a blessing to me. May God's rich blessings be with all the Va. churches. I am now getting ready for my

winter's work. May God bless the work of the winter thruout the brotherhood.

J. F. KOONTZ.

Berlin, Pa.

It is often of some satisfaction and interest to the readers of the EVANGELIST to know where some of our preachers are dodging around.

After nearly three years of "weeding and fencing and plowing and sowing" (if sowing it may be called) we left Masontown, tho not forgetting them in our prayers, desiring some one to follow soon and take up the work again.

The charge consists of three classes, one four, and the other about eight miles from Masontown. There is just enough exercise in this to keep the pastor in good health. They are now without a servant. Any one desiring a larger field to labor in can address them at Masontown. They have already taken steps to tender a call to some one. I take this opportunity in speaking for them knowing them to be faithful and whose prayers are continually going up in behalf of the church of their choice.

As this junction I wish also to say something of their hospitality. When we arrived at Masontown we at once moved in with Mother Sterlings, as she is commonly called, and lived there two and a half years, paying neither board nor room rent, besides was furnished with conveyance while there and received many other things from their gracious hands for which we shall always feel deeply sensible of our indebtedness. Praying the God of love to more richly supply them with his blessings in the future than he has done in the past that they may continue to still more bountifully contribute to His service.

He could indeed say with Paul, "neither said any of them that ought of the things which they possessed was their own, but we had all things common."

We are now located in Berlin and have shaken hands all around. We pray God's love may keep them warm. And in our associations we may continually feed our souls with the edifying manna of heaven with which we shall never hunger, and drink of that "living water" whereby we shall never thirst.

Since our arrival Sister Nowag and family have moved to Johnstown. We regret the loss, but glad that brother Haskins' charge will receive the addition. Sister N. is a daughter of Brother Holsinger.

In disposing of their households she left in my care his arm-chair, and in which I'm writing this article. The sheep-skin is still hanging over the back of it, and its giving me a hearty support.

So far have found the people unusually pleasant.

We preach three sermons each Sabbath, besides drive about twenty miles.

We also want to thank Brethren Seibert and Menges in already extending their hospitality. More later.

P. M. SWINEHART.

#### Notice

I wish to say to the readers of the EVANGELIST that my health, which has been poor for several months, is now sufficiently restored that I can again resume the work of the ministry and would like to do so. Churches that are in need of a pastor or revival services, requested to address

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#### Ind. and Mich. Items

*New Troy, Mich.*—Closed a meeting here Nov. 9th, with one accession by baptism and the church much strengthened. I shall continue to serve this church as pastor the ensuing year, having received a unanimous call. Hope to be able to do much good here for the cause.

*Akron, Ind.*—Spent the 11th and 12th with the brethren at the chapel church. I am only getting acquainted but hope as time goes by we may know each other better and accomplish much for the Master's sake.

*Corinth, Ind.*—I am here now and we expect to begin a meeting here to night. Our prayer is for God's blessings to be with us in our work. With church and mission work I find I have my hands full, yet I believe our greatest work today is state mission work, holding what we have already and thus strengthening the weak places.

WM. H. MILLER

#### Johnstown Congregation

The work moves on. Good congregations to encourage us. One more added by baptism; perhaps two since last report.

The juniors earned a dollar each, or have tried to, and have as a result a bank account of \$22, as the beginning of an educational fund to aid in the education of some worthy young man for the ministry.

We expect to begin a series of meetings at Moxham on the 13th of Nov. Cannot say how long we shall continue.

E. E. HASKINS.

#### Nevada, Mo.

My pen has long been silent, isolated members do not always have something to report but I feel it a duty to report the fact that we have a faithful Evangelist who is interested in us and comes to us monthly with glad tidings of great joy.

Brother Hixson is a true laborer in the Master's vineyard and I am sure a crown of righteousness awaits him in yonder home of glory. When we have such earnest workers and see so much indifference and think of the uncertainty of life how appalling. The falling off among Christian people I can not but think it the falling off the scripture refers to.

In our city we have a great Magnetic Healer, a man who has said what was possible for Christ and the disciples is possible with man.

People came from every state in the union to be healed and yet the monster death comes stealing into the homes and death is